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SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EXTENSION OF CHARGERS NEGOTIATING PERIOD

City Attorney Requests Mayor to Docket 90-Day Extension

San Diego, CA: City Attorney Casey Gwinn announced today that he has asked Mayor Dick Murphy to docket for City Council consideration on May 19, 2003 a 90-day extension of the negotiating period currently in progress pursuant to the 1995 Chargers contract.

"The Chargers have agreed to this 90-day extension. The extension would allow the City to continue discussing with the Chargers the issues directed by the City Council in Resolution R-297734, dated March 18, 2003," City Attorney Gwinn stated. The current 90 day negotiating period began on March 4, 2003 and expires on June 2, 2003. The proposed 90-day extension will, if approved by the City Council, extend the negotiating period until August 31, 2003.

"Any proposal emerging from these negotiations will undoubtedly be the subject of lengthy public hearings and intense scrutiny by the public and the City Council," said City Attorney Gwinn. The City is also continuing to evaluate its rights under the contract as directed by the City Council.

Go to the City of San Diego's website (<u>www.sandiego.gov</u>) and click on "Chargers Issues" to find the recommendations made to the City Council by the Citizens Task Force on Chargers Issues and other background information.

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